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OF THE

East Liberty Baptist Association of Alabama,

HELD WITH

Rock Spring Baptist Church, Chambers County, Ala.,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 19, 20, 21, 1888.

OFFICERS.

ELD. JNO. P. SHAFFER, Roanoke, Ala.....Moderator.
ELD. W. C. BLEDSOE, LaFayette, Ala.....Secretary and Treasurer

The next session will be held with the New Hope Baptist Church, near Fredonia, Chambers, County, Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1889. Introductory Sermon by Eld. T. J. Burden; alternate, Eld. J. W. Hamner.

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ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH,
CHAMBERS CO., ALA. Sept. 19th, 1888.

1. The East Liberty Baptist Association assembled in fifty-third annual session with the Rock Spring Baptist church, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1888.

2. At 11 o'clock, A. M. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, by request of Elder C. J. Burden, the regular appointee, from the text: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John xv:16.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 The Association was called to order at 1:30 P. M by the moderator, Elder J. P. Shaffer. Elder W. C. Bledsoe, secretary.

4. The hymn, "Nearer my God to thee," was sung; prayer was offered by Elder W. M. Blackwelder.

5. The letters from the churches were read by Elder Geo. E. Brewer and N. D. Denson.

6. The secretary enrolled the following

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Beulah—P. H. McGinty, G. W. Hunt, W. D. Lynn, Hugh Wallace, W. M. Bass.
Bethel, (Chambers)—J. C. Smith, J. D. Grady, E. D. Bishop.
Bethlehem—A. J. Ward, F. W. Shank.
Cusseta—J. B. Barrow. A. F. Stanley.
Providence—C. A. Shealey, J. L. Barrow, B. R. Simpson.
New Hope—H. A. Wimbush, W. B. Fuller, C. Cook, W. Reynolds, J. F. Johnson.
Hickory Flat—David Patterson, M. J. Sorrells.
Roanoke—Geo. W. Hill, Leonidas Jones, J. A. Holder, C. D. Manley, R. G. Rowland, Graves Shaffer.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Milltown—W. P. Mathews, J. M. Rotton, J. B. Finney, J. W. Smith, W. N. Harris.
Lystra—W. H. Bachus, J. D. Smith, J. Z. Collier.
Liberty—F. M. Handley, J. S. Stephens, J. W. Wheeler.

Shiloh—J. S. Clifton, J. M. Jackson.
Lebanon—Geo. L. Bell, Z. F. East, Jno. Gregory, I. G. Patton.
Mt. Zion—D. S. Duffee, W. J. Smith, A. F. Duffee.

THIRD DISTRICT.

LaFayette—Nimrod D. Denson, J. E. Scarbrough, W. G. Pearce, Jas. D. Norman, T. J. Jones.
Antioch—J C. Lunceford, T. J Gilliland, L. Cunningham, J. A., Carlisle, J T. Hood.
Rock Spring—W. F. Abernathy, Geo. W. Newman, W. Webb, Jno. H. Turner, J. C. Webb.
County Line—J. T. Talbot, H. Jarrell, J. M. Langley, L. L. Te-Bow, W. G. Jarnell.
Mt. Pleasant—W. R. Dawson, Jno. P. Seroyer, W. E. Shealey, Jno. T. Hester.
Farmville—Jesse Ellington, R. N. Botsford, J. J. Evans.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Dadeville—R. T. Parker, G. J Sorrells, W. H. Payne, A. O. Tucker, L. B. Stroud.
Camp Hill—T. J. Gann, J. E. Turner.
Tallapoosa—J. M. Berry, J. J. Phillips.
Eagle Creek—J. L. Shepard, J. T. Coker, N. A. Purcell.
Sandy Creek—T. D. Lunceford, Jno. T. Fargason, J. F. Reynolds, C. C. Wood.
Pleasant Ridge—W. C. Roeck, W. Patterson.
Bethel (Lee)—I. T. Brazill, J. B. Robinson.
Fellowship—T. N. Johnson, J. M. Boon, J. W. Dabbs, James Martin.
Rock Spring (Tallapoosa)—J. R. Pricket, J. W. McKamie, J W. Boon.

7. Elder Jno. P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala., was re-elected Moderator by acclamation ; Elder W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala., was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer by acclamation.

8. The moderator called for correspondents, and the secretary enrolled the following :

From the Harris Association—Elder Geo. E. Brewer.
From the Tuskegee—Elder Z. D. Roby, C. S. Johnson, H. Garlington, E. F. Baber.
From the Carey—Elder A. S. Brannon, J. O. Davis, R. B. Finney, Robt. Griffin.
From the Western (Ga.)—E. J. Green, T. S. E. Haralson.
From the Bowen, (Negro.)—Elders J. A. Mackey, J. J. Chisholmn.

9. The following brethren were recognized in their official relation to the denomination, and ordered to be so enrolled : Elder W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec'ty of Alabama State Mission Board; Elder Jno. P. Shaffer, Financial Secretary of Howard College; Elder W. C. Bledsoe, Vice-President for Alabama of the Foreign Mission Board ; Elder C. W. Hare, Editor Alabama Baptist.

10. Secretary Crumpton was requested to address the Association. He presented the claims of the State Board, urging many reasons for co-operation with its work.

11. Prof. J. M. Dill, of LaFayette College, and Prof. L. Jones, of Roanoke College, were granted ten minutes each to present the claims of their respective institutions.

12. The moderator announced the following

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THIS SESSION :

On Finance—W. R. Dawson, Chairman ; J. E. Scarbrough, F. M. Handley, W. G. Jarrell.

On Religious Services—The pastor and delegates of Rock Spring church.

On Nominations—W. C. Roeck, Chairman ; Jno. P. Seroyer, Jas. D. Norman.

13. On motion adjourned to 9 A. M. to morrow.

14. Prayer by Elder Jno. Cumbee.

EVENING SERVICES.

15. At 8:30 P. M. Elder J. W. Hamner preached to a large congregation. Text : "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness : I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness." Psalms xvii:15.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

16. The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M.

17. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Elder Geo. E. Brewer.

18. The moderator called for Petitionary Letters, when the Rock Spring Baptist church, Tallapoosa county, Alabama, presented a letter by her delegates and was, on motion, received as a member of the Association.

19. The report on State Missions was called for and was read as follows :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Mission work in all its phases and by and through all the instrumentalities used by the church, is but the expression of the love of the Christian for Christ, and his or her desire to see the whole world emerged out of the darkness of sin into the glorious light and liberty of the kingdom of God. Again, it is the external evidence of the Christian's obedience to the great commandment and commission, to fulfill thiscommandment, as in the fulfillment of all Christ's commandments, by the Christian, spirituality is required.

If this be true, then is it not true that one way of testing an individual's spirituality, a church's spirituality, an Association's spirituality, is by counting the amount of funds appropriated, by that individual, that church, that Association for supporting the Lord's army of missionaries, and for obtaining and fitting up recruits for that army ?

In other words, examine the external evidence, gather the fruit of the tree, for by the fruit the tree is judged.

Tested by the above rule we fear a great many of us who profess to be Christians, a great many missionary churches and missionary Associations, are lacking in spirituality. East Liberty has done a great deal in the cause of missions and justly stands in the forefront, but there is not a member of the Association, perhaps, who will contend that we do all we ought to do.

Brethren, the Lord has prospered us, and has been merciful to us; let us not hide our light under a bushel, but let us awaken to a full realization of the grand truth that we are factors in the plan and system by which the world is to be evangelized, and let us give more freely of our money. "When men shall learn to trust God with their substance as well as with themselves, there will be no annual deficits for our Boards to report, and the adoration of the church will rise heavenward in mellower tones and vaster volumes." Alabama has made long and rapid strides toward material development in the last four years; in many places where four years ago were cotton and corn fields, forests or barren places, now rise splendid and magnificent cities. The influx of population has been great, and "Alabama on wheels" is now the attraction of the great north west; it seems that Alabama is destined to be the *Empire* State of the South. With this material prosperity and development and this tide of immigration, new fields for the State Mission Board are opened, and being opened. Other denominations are on the alert, the invitation to come and occupy is as free to us as to others; the question is, Shall Baptists be laggards? The State Board asks for $15,000 for its operations for this year, and it is none too large for the work before the Baptists of Alabama; let us respond literally to the call, and enable the Board to hoist our banners in every new town and city that may spring up and to supply every place of destitution.

The report of the Board at the last State Convention shows a grand work for the last Convention year. The following is a synopsis of the work:

Number of missionaries employed for all or a part of their time	76
Number now at work	52
Days of service	4 720
Miles traveled	32 153
Sermons delivered	2 737
Addresses made	657
Churches constituted	18
Number of persons baptized	363
Baptized by others in connection with their labors.	376
Received by letter	427
Restored	55
Sunday-schools organized	247
Sunday-schools addressed	247
Ladies Missionary Societies organized	12
Prayer-meetings organized	27
Prayer meetings held	795
Number of visits to preaching stations	291
Number of churches visited	440
Number of visits made	6 024
Subscribers to *The Alabama Baptist* secured	267
Subscribers to the *Foreign Mission Journal* secured.	97
Families destitute of the Bible	162
Number of Bibles donated	127
Number of Testaments donated	211

Value of Bibles and Testaments donated	$27 35
Number of books and pamphlets sold	806
Value of books and pamphlets sold	$638 24
Pages of tracts distributed	5 198
Meeting-houses commenced	24
Meeting-houses finished	4
Money collected for meeting houses	4 621 30
Money collected for State Missions	952 54
Money collected for Home Missions	53 68
Money collected for Foreign Missions	72 03
Money collected for Ministerial Education	129 30

RECEIPTS OF THE BOARDS.

State Missions	$ 183 76
Home Missions	2 227 15
Foreign Missions	3 027 70
Ministerial education	556 70
Ministerial education, special	46 25
Education colored preacher	47 55
Endowment Howard College	95 15
Indigent Ministers	118 52
Church building in Alabama	1 256 85
Bible work, American Baptist Pub. Society	96 26
Gratuitous tract fund	23 66
Bible and colportage	170 14
	$15 819 49

Let us continue in this work; freely we have received, freely let us give. He has "lengthened our cords, and strengthened our stakes" until our Zion has become "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Oh, for grace to use this strength wisely and acceptably.

Respectfully submitted,

N. D. DENSON, Ch'n.

20. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Dr. Z. D. Roby.

21. The report was adopted.

22. The report on Home Missions was called for, and was read as follows.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It seems from the last report of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, that God has very graciously blessed the efforts of the Home Board, as the following figures will show: The Home Board had last conventional year 287 missionaries employed, distibuted as follows:

Arkansas 22; Cuba 17; District of Columbia 1; Florida 37; Georgia 5; Indian Territory 15; Louisiana 21; Maryland 2; Missouri 4; Mississippi 3; Texas 125; Virginia 1; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory 15; North Carolina 18; West Virginia 1. Missionaries 287. These missionaries preach at 1,114 churches and stations; did 10,739 weeks of labor; preached 33,868 sermons; held 7,390 prayer meetings; baptized 4,857; received by letter 2,639; total additions 7,496; Sunday Schools organized 431; teachers and pupils 17,240; religious visits 47,610; churches constituted 306; houses of worship built 64, at a cost of $54,068; tracts distributed 442,352; Bibles and Testaments 1,779; total Sunday School publications 4,754,000.

These are wonderful results; they show a large increase over last year's work. The Home Board is doing one of the most remarkable works known to modern missions in the Island of Cuba.

In less than three years from the organization of the first church upon that Island 1,100 were baptized, and nine native preachers have been raised up to proclaim the Gospel. Daily schools and Sunday Schools have been established where hundreds of children are taught the way of life; and the devotion of our people there, to the cause of Christ, is shown by their contributions of $4,610 in a single year.

Eight thousand persons have applied for membership in our churches in Cuba. Many of these were ignorant of the true qualifications for church membership and desired only to exchange the Catholic church for one which they preferred. The Lord has done great things for us in Cuba, whereof we are glad. Your committee thinks we have great reasons to take new courage in the great cause of missions, for God is blessing our labors as he is blessing none other.

"If the world within the next century is to receive the Gospel, our county must be the open hand from which it will be given," for God has blessed us as he has blessed no other nation, and has given us the men and the means to carry the Gospel to all the world. Will we be faithful to the great trust? God help us and inspire us with zeal for the Master, and love for perishing humanity.

"Whatever retards the progress of Christianity here lengthens the hours of that long darkness, which, since the closing of Eden's gates, has brooded over the world. Whatever promotes truth, purity, love to God and faith in Christ, among our people, shortens the world's night of sorrow and hastens the coming of millennial dawn." "Our country for Christ means the established throne of our Lord, around which the now blinded nations shall gather to see the King in his beauty, and join in the coronation anthem, which proclaims Him Lord of all!" "Our country saved, means the world redeemed." The Board expended last year, on the field, $129,700.15, of which sum $2 817.97 came from Alabama.

C. J. BURDEN, Ch'n.

23. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elders Geo. E. Brewer and C. W. Hare.

24. After slight amendment, the report was adopted.

25. The Association adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

26. At 10 o'clock A. M., Elder A. S. Brannon, of the Carey Association, preached to the people in the grove. Text: The parable of the vineyard.

27. At 11 o'clock A. M., Elder John P. Shaffer, by appointment of the Association at the session of 1887, preached a doctrinal sermon; text: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."—Rom. iii:28.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

28. The Association was called to order at 1:30 P. M. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder D. S. Moon.

29. Elders J. A. Mackey and J. J. Chisholmn, correspondents from the Bowen (negro) Association, addressed the body by invitation of the moderator. These brethren expressed their gratification for the fraternal relations existing between the East Liberty and the Bowen Associations, and earnestly asked the help and sympathy of their white brethren. The moderator assured them of the deep interest felt in their welfare and hoped that the good feeling between the two Associations would continue.

30. The report on Foreign Missions was called for and read, as follows :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The grand, central purpose of church organization is disclosed in the words: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in all Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." "The field is the world," and the final and imperative obligation of every believer is, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. "Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention 43 years ago, the work of foreign missions has enlarged year after year. In some fields there appears a slight diminution ; in others, an increase of success. Last year your committee reported :

In Mexico—17 missionaries, 21 churches, 100 baptisms, 150 candidates for baptism, 350 members, 100 pupils, $823 contributed.

This year: 19 missionaries, 27 churches and stations, 234 baptized, 531 members, 133 pupils, $850 contributed

South America—Last year: 17 missionaries, 21 churches and stations, 100 baptisms, 150 candidates for baptism, 350 members, 100 pupils, contributions $823.

This year : 14 missionaries, 49 baptized, 210 members.

In Italy—Last year : 15 missionaries, 14 churches and stations, 306 members, 26 baptized, contributions not reported.

This year: Missionaries 15, no full report of baptisms, 350 members.

In Africa—Last year: 16 missionaries, 26 baptisms, 138 members. 5 schools, 6 teachers, 284 pupils, 5 churches and chapels.

This year : 16 missionaries, 13 baptisms, 149 members, 264 pupils.

In China—Last year: 54 missionaries, 24 churches and stations, 46 baptisms, 677 members, 18 schools, 203 pupils, and $699.61 contributed.

This year: 54 missionaries, 727 members, 24 churches and stations, 40 baptisms, $446.58 contributed.

Your committee regret that there is a retrogression on some of the foreign fields. Our missions should be reinforced at once. Our sainted Yates, after almost 41 years of continuous labor in China has left the well fought field militant for the field triumphant. The noble Davault has died on the field, yielding his pure young spirit to God crying, "Help! help, help." Mrs. Graves, with her health shattered on the field, has died on her way home. Oh! how strongly do these sad events emphasize the cry for men and money! Our State Board received for foreign missions during the last conventional year $3,913 59. We feel sad that this amount is so small where the demand is so great. It is $778.70 less than the year before. We do earnestly hope that our enlarged contribution for the present year will more than make up this deficiency. Our denomination in this State is expected to raise $6,000; of this amount, this Association is asked to contribute $500. The

amount needed last year was lessened because Yates, Davault and Mrs. Graves ceased to draw from your fund to receive their reward above. The wages were less, but larger demands will be necessary this year. God help us to respond as we ought.

Since the death of Dr. Renfroe, Elder W. C. Bledsoe has been appointed vice president of the Foreign Mission Board for the State of Alabama.

C. S. JOHNSON, Ch'n.

31. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elders Geo. E. Brewer and W. C. Bledsoe.

32. The report was adopted.

33. The reports on Religious Literature and Colportage and Bible Work were called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The circulation of religious literature among the people, is recognized by thoughtful Christians as one of the most useful means of promoting the cause of Christ. To encourage such circulation is the object of this report. Your committee would like to be able to give the statistics, to show just how many books of high religious character the three thousand Baptists of the East Liberty Association have bought and read in the past year; and we would like to know how many copies of religious newspapers circulate among our people. No doubt the figures if produced would shame us. We desire to urge upon parents the imperative duty of placing in the hands of their children, religious books; this is truly important. Children, for the most part, will read what is handy to them; many a leisure hour will be whiled away reading, that would otherwise be spent in idleness, if good books are on the table, and the religious weekly papers are near by. We commend to you a liberal patronage of our colporter, Rev. T. B. Fargason, who keeps on sale many valuable books. Your committee would especially urge upon the churches the importance of reading our denominational books and papers. Baptist people are specially indifferent in this matter, and bad results often follow.

Let us awake to the importance of this subject, and let every family have such an assortment of good books and papers as is needful for the proper education of their children.

We with pleasure commend to you our own paper, the *Alabama Baptist*, and bespeak for it a most liberal patronage. As to Sunday School literature, the denomination can choose between the Kind Words series, published by the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Atlanta, Ga., and the series published by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia. Your committee do not feel called upon to express any preference between the two publications.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SHEALY, Ch'n.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK.

Your committee on Colportage and Bible Work beg leave to submit the following:

The dissemination of religious literature among the people is a work of inestimable value. It cannot be estimated by dollars and cents no more than the preaching of God's Word can be so estimated. Our people are a reading people and it is important that they have good and

T. B. FARGASON,
Committee.

34. The two reports were discussed together. The discussion was made by Elders Z. D. Roby, T. B. Fargason and C. W. Hare.

35. The reports were adopted.

36. The pledges for next year's work were taken—(see close of minutes.)

37. The report on Deceased Ministers was read as follows:

38. The report was adopted by a standing vote.

39. On motion, adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

40. Prayer by Elder J. W. Hamner.

EVENING SERVICES.

41. At 7:30 P. M. Elder E. F. Baber preached to a good congregation at the church.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

42. The Association was called to order by the moderator at 9 o'clock A. M.

43. After singing a hymn, Elder C. J. Burden led in prayer.

44. The report on Education was called for and was read as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee would call the attention of the Association to the fact, that if we would do our whole duty as one of the great leading Christian denominations of this country, we must be watchful and active in the management and teaching of common schools, public and private, high schools and academies scattered as they are all over our country. As Baptists we should see to it, that our denomination is fully represented in all these schools. We take pleasure in reporting that the Judson Female Institute at Marion is in a healthy, vigorous condition, and that under the wise management of President Averett, its prospects were never so good as now. Parents who have daughters to educate can not do better than to send them to the Judson, at Marion, and their duty to the denomination as well as themselves suggest that they send them there.

Howard College is now permanently located at East Lake, a beautifvl, healthy village, six miles east of Birmingham. We have there an excellent faculty and comfortable accommodations for our boys and young men. The main college building, to cost not less that $50,000, is already in process of erection, and will certainly be built by the people of Birmingham and vicinity. Our State Convention at Talladega, last July, instructed the trustees to formulate some plan for raising, during the present Conventional year, as much as $60,000 for the erection of a dormitory building. The trustees have commissioned the financial agent of the college, Rev. J. P. Shaffer, to raise the money for this purpose.

During last school year 157 boys matriculated in the Howard. The report of Dr. Dill to our Convention shows that the college did better work last year than it had done in any previous year. Brethren, send your boys to your own Howard at East Lake.

44. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elder Jno. P. Shaffer, Elder Geo. E. Brewer, Prof. L Jones.

45. Pledges were made by churches and individuals for building the Dormitory at Howard College. (See close of minutes.)

46. The report on Education was adopted.

47. The report on Sunday Schools was called for and was read as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee have collected from the letters sent up to this session the following statistics:

Number of churches reporting Sunday Schools, 20. In these schools are engaged 109 teachers and there are being taught 1225 pupils. This

showing is an increase of 84 pupils over last year's figures. We accept this as encouraging, and are glad to believe that the interest in this work is steadily on the increase.

B. H. WALKER, Ch'n.

48. The report was adopted.

49. The report on State of Religion was called for and was read as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

From the statistics gathered from the letters sent up to this session of the Association, we learn that 328 persons have been added to the churches during the past associational year. This would seem to indicate that the state of religion is encouraging; a better condition than last year's figures displayed. We have had only one other source from which to draw our conclusions—inquiry among the brethren. From the investigations we have been able to make, we feel justified in reporting that the religious condition of our churches is good. Not at all such condition as should be, but a fair degree of prosperity is indicated. The salvation of the unsaved, dear brethren, should be our great concern; and that the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should be glorified among men, should be the object of our Christian effort. When each of us shall learn to realize the serious responsibilities of discipleship and shall strive to fulfill our obligations as such, then shall we see a mighty impetus given to our Saviour's cause. We most respectfully suggest that each one of our members shall individually put forth every effort, under God by the use of the privileges He has granted, to grow in grace and increase in the knowlelge of our Lord.

G. W. HILL, Ch'n.

50. The report was adopted.

51. The report on Temperance was called for, and was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance beg leave to make the following report: We are glad to report that this subject is agitated to a great extent everywhere, and that a growth in the right direction is very manifest, that public sentiment is getting more and more in favor of prohibition; we are also glad to notice great improvements in the morals of our people in regard to temperance, but we deeply deplore that there are yet a few places in the bounds of this Association, where the "click of glasses," loaded with moral, social and soul poison, harshly grates on the ear of the lover of Christlike ways. How sad, brethren, is the reflection to a Christian heart, when we are compelled to notice that some "church members" are making their light darkness, by patronizing and upholding this monstrous traffic. O, may the day soon come when this, the most degrading traffic, with its diabolical influences, will be crushed out. May God hasten that day, and He will hasten it, brethren, if we do our whole duty as it becomes true followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brethren, let us be up and doing, by putting on the whole armor of Christ, like true soldiers of the cross, and we can, with the help of God, crush it out of existence. Brethren, let temperance be preached, taught, talked and acted with Christlike manhood by every Baptist till the coil of intemperance is removed. Brethren, will we do it?

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. ROECK, Ch'n.

52. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elders T. B. Fargason, J. W. Hamner, C. J. Burden, Z. D. Roby, Geo. E. Brewer; Brethren L. Jones, W. M. Bass, R. T. Parker, Geo. W. Newman, W. Reynolds, J. C. Smith.

53. On motion, adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

54. Prayer by Elder T. B. Fargason.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

55. The Association was called to order at 1:30 P. M.

56. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Elder A. S. Smith.

57. The report on Temperance was adopted.

58. The committee on Nominations made report as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report: We nominate Elder C. J. Burden to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body; Elder J. W. Hamner, alternate. We nominate the Executive Committee as follows: W. D. Bulger, chairman; J. H. Johnson, W. H. Payne, R. T. Parker, W. C. McIntosh, Jas. Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. ROECK, Ch'n.

59. On motion, the report was amended by adding Elder Jno. P. Shaffer to the Executive Committee.

60. The report was adopted.

61. The following correspondents were appointed:

To the Carey Association, to meet on the 2nd Saturday in October, 1888, at Rock Spring, Clay county Ala.: Elders T. B. Fargason, W. C. Bledsoe, C. J. Burden.

To the Tuskegee, to meet at Salem, Lee county, Alabama, on Wednesday, October 17th, 1888: Elders Jno. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Hunter; Brethren J. T. Hester, W. M. Bass, J. J. Adams, G. W. Hunt, W. D. Lane.

To the Tallapoosa River, to meet at Mt. Pleasant, near Reeltown, Tallapoosa county, Alabama, on Wednesday, October 24, 1888: Elder T. B. Fargason, Bro. W. R. Dawson.

To the Harris, to meet at Crawford, Russell county, Alabama, on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1889: Elders Jno. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe.

To the Central, to meet at Goodwater, on Wednesday, before the 1st Sunday in October 1888: Elders T. B. Fargason, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Hunter, J. A. McCarley; Brethren G. L. Bell, T. R. Parker.

To the Rock Mills, to meet at Pleasant Grove, Randolph county, Alabama, October 6th, 1888: Brethren G. W. Hill, L. Jones, J. A. Holder, F. M. Handley, G. Shaffer.

To the Western, Ga., to meet at Union church, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1888: Brethren W. F. Fuller, B. F. Anderson, I. T. Talbot.

To the Bowen, to meet at Shady Grove, Tallapoosa county, Ala-

bama, on Friday before 2nd Sunday in September, 1889: F. M. Handley, W. P. Mathews.

62. Union meetings were appointed. (See close of minutes.)

63. The Association elected Elders W. C. Bledsoe and Jno. P. Shaffer as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Memphis, Tenn., on Friday, May 10th, 1889.

64. The Finance committee made report which was adopted. (See close of minutes.)

65. The corresponding letter was adopted. (See close of minutes.)

66. The moderator was allowed to send to the secretary after adjournment the "Standing Committee" for session of 1889. (See close of minutes.)

67. A motion was made and carried that the next session be held with the New Hope church, near Fredonia, Chambers county, Alabama.

68. On motion, the secretary was allowed $25.00 for his services.

69. On motion the thanks of the Association were tendered the Rock Spring church and community, and the people of La-Fayette, for their liberal hospitality.

70. The following was adopted:

Resolved 1. That we think the appointment of Elder W. C. Bledsoe to the vice-presidency of the Foreign Mission Board for the State of Alabama, a very wise and judicious appointment.

Resolved 2. That the East Liberty Association will second and encourage the efforts of Brother Bledsoe, in the interests of Foreign Missions.

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Foreign Mission Board and to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

71. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the New Hope Baptist church, near Fredonia, Chambers county, Alabama, on Wednesday, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1889.

72. After singing a hymn, during which the members of the body extended to each other the hand of parting, the closing prayer was offered by Elder Z. D. Roby.

73. The moderator declared the Association adjourned.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, Moderator.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Liberty Association to her sister Associations: Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have closed one of the most profitable sessions in our history. In sending you this Christian salutation we feel that we can assure you that the cause of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ is advancing in our midst. We pray for your prosperity and beg that you may remember us in your petitions to a Throne of Grace.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, Moderator.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary.

UNION MEETINGS.

First District—At New Hope, on Friday before 4th Sunday in July, 1889

Second District—At Milltown, on Friday before 2nd Sunday in July, 1889.

Third District—At Farmville, on Friday before 5th Sunday in June 1889.

Fourth District—At Lebanon, on Friday before 5th Sunday in August 1889.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

Antioch	$ 75 00	LaFayette	250 00
Beulah	35 00	Milltown	60 00
Bethlehem	60 00	Mt. Pleasant	100 00
Cusseta	100 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
County Line	125 00	New Hope	60 00
Camp Hill	10 00	Providence	115 00
Dadeville	125 00	Pleasant Ridge	20 00
Eagle Creek	10 00	Roanoke	125 00
Farmville	25 00	Rock Spring, (Chambers)	50 00
Fellwoship	20 00	Rock Spring, (Tal.)	10 00
Hickory Flat	15 00	Shiloh	10 00
Liberty	25 00	Sandy Creek	25 00
Lebanon	25 00	Tallapoosa,	40 00
Total			$ 1525 00

($50.00 in excess over last year's pledges.)

FOR DORMITORY AT HOWARD COLLEGE.

The churches named, propose to try to raise the following amounts to be paid in November, for this important enterprise of the Baptists of Alabama:

Antioch	50 00	LaFayette	100 00
Cusseta	25 00	Milltown	50 00
County Line	50 00	Mt. Pleasant	50 00
Dadeville	125 00	Roanoke	125 00
Lebanon	10 00	Sandy Creek	10 00
Total			$ 595 00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES FOR DORMITORY.

Elder C. J Burden	25 00
Elder J. W. Hamner	10 00
Dr. W. M. Gay	10 00
John Foster	5 00

The following delegations promised to lay the matter before their churches: Beulah, Bethlehem, Eagle Creek, Farmville, Fellowship, Lystra, Liberty, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Providence, Pleasant Ridge, Rock Spring, Sandy Creek, Tallapoosa, Rock Spring, (Tal.)

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee report as follows :
The churches have sent up :

For Home missions	$ 120 50
For Foreign missions	369 46
For State missions	597 14
For Bible and colportage work.....	47 69
For ministerial education	189 68
For aged and infirm ministers.... ...	51 15
For Cuban Sunday Schools.....	22 33
For Church extension	15 45
For tract fund...	50
American Bap. Pub. Society.....	22 25
For minutes	71 35
Total.....	$1507 50

We have examined your Treasurer's report and find it correct.

F. M. HANDLEY, Ch'n.

FINANCE TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage Work.	Ministerial Education.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	Cuban S. S.	Church Extension.	Tract Fund.	American Baptist Publication Soc'y.	Minutes.	Amount of Vchr's.	Amount of Cash	Total Vouchers and Cash.
Antioch	$ 6 50	$ 6 50	$ 26 45	$	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 50	$ 23 45	$ 23 50	$ 46 95
Beulah	2 00	10 00	15 00	1 00	.78	1 00					3 00		32 78	32 78
Bethlehem	5 85	19 15	14 60		8 95	3 30		1 00			3 00	29 15	26 70	55 85
Bethel (Chambers)											2 50		2 50	2 50
Bethel (Lee)		5 00	7 50								1 50		14 00	14 00
Cusseta	20 50	29 50	38 75		20 00						2 50	67 50	43 75	111 25
County Line	5 75	45 50	20 00	.59	30 00	17 45		10 00			4 00	48 65	84 64	133 29
Camp Hill		3 00	7 00								1 70		11 70	11 70
Dadeville	4 39	13 95	62 66	10 00	10 00	2 00	20 33		.50		3 00	102 93	23 00	125 93
Eagle Creek											2 05		2 05	2 05
Farmville	5 35	5 30	16 60								3 00	6 00	24 25	30 25
Fellowship		7 50	7 50								2 25		17 25	17 25
Hickory Flat			14 25								1 00		15 25	15 25
LaFayette	13 77	51 27	102 81	23 90	17 05	10 65				20 35	3 00	125 25	117 55	242 80
Lystra	5 00	10 00									1 50		16 50	16 50
Liberty	1 00	7 50	7 50	2 00	5 00	2 00					2 00	5 00	22 00	27 00
Lebanon	3 84	3 84	9 87								2 00		19 55	19 55
Milltown	5 00	25 00	15 00		10 00	5 00					3 00	10 00	53 00	63 00
Mt Zion			2 00								1 25		3 25	3 25
Mt Pleasant	20 00	20 00	30 00	4 90	15 10	5 00		3 70			3 00	15 10	86 60	101 70
New Hope	5 45	20 00	30 00		10 00						3 00	8 20	60 25	68 45
Providence	11 65	30 00	31 85		24 60					1 90	3 00	18 35	84 65	103 00
Pleasant Ridge		5 50	11 00		2 00	2 00					2 50	6 55	16 45	23 00
Roanoke		24 00	80 20	5 30	10 00	2 75	2 00	.75			5 00	119 50	10 50	130 00
Rock Spring (Chambers)	2 45	12 85	20 10		14 45						4 35	21 20	32 90	54 10
Rock Spring (Tal.)		2 00	3 00								1 00		6 00	6 00
Shiloh		4 00	4 00								1 25		9 25	9 25
Sandy Creek	2 00	4 00	9 50		5 30						1 50	8 85	15 45	22 30
Tallapoosa		5 00	10 00		1 55						2 00	10 55	8 00	18 55
	$120 50	$369 46	$597 14	$47 69	$189 68	$51 15	$22 33	$15 45	.50	$22 25	$7135	$629 23	$881 27	$1507 50

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Membership.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.
Antioch	16	8	2	8	18	1	198	12	80
Beulah	11	3	1	10	5	..	113	7	70
Bethlehem	2	1	..	4	..	1	86	...	...
Bethel (Lee)	2	...	...	...	...	...	71	...	..
Bethel (Chambers)	6	4	4	17	2	2	86	...	....
Cusseta	3	5	..	4	..	..	60	4	35
County Line	16	14	..	18	2	..	243	9	60
Camp Hill	...	...	...	2	..	1	31	...	....
Dadeville	...	12	..	16	...	...	165	10	100
Eagle Creek	...	1	1	17	..	1	113	...	...
Farmville	3	4	..	6	..	1	92	4	30
Fellowship	7	4	..	4	2	2	115	4	55
Hickory Flat	4	...	...	..	4	..	23	...	....
Lystra	...	4	..	8	2	..	71	...	...
Liberty	2	...	..	7	...	..	70	2	25
Lebanon	23	13	..	7	1	2	117	3	35
LaFayette	...	5	1	17	3	..	128	13	125
Milltown	4	4	..	10	..	2	155	4	75
Mt Zion	...	8	1	5	...	..	76	...	....
Mt Pleasant	2	5	1	15	..	3	104	3	25
New Hope	13	12	1	7	..	1	158	4	72
Providence	8	4	..	2	..	4	85	5	60
Pleasant Ridge	8	5	1	22	2	2	78	4	36
Roanoke	4	12	..	3	2	1	154	8	62
Rock Spring (Chambers)	5	14	2	14	2	4	220	6	0
Rock Spring (Tal.)	10	3	..	...	...	1	29	...	....
Shiloh	1	...	.	2	..	1	41	...	....
Sandy Creek	17	3	1	2	1	2	112	3	50
Tallapoosa	3	1	1	10	2	1	110	5	60
	170	149	17	237	48	33	3104	110	1125

RECAPITULATION.—Churches, 29; received by baptism, 170; by letter, 149; restored, 17; dismissed by letter, 237; excluded, 48; dead, 33; total present membership, 3104; teachers in Sunday-schools, 110; scholars, 1125; number of Sunday-schools, 19.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS and POST OFFICES.	CLERKS and POST OFFICES.	Meetg days.
Antioch	Chambers	E F Baber, Notasulga	E B Clarke, LaFayette, Ala	4
Beulah	Lee	F T Hutson, Beulah, Ala	W M Bass, Beulah, Ala	1
Bethlehem	Chambers	R H Bullock, Chipley, Ga	B T Smith, Ossannipa, Ala	4
Bethel	Lee	W H Bedell, Waverly, Ala	J W Pinnell, Waverly, Ala	2
Bethel	Chambers	J C Motley, Daviston, Ala	Robt. Wheeler, Stroud, Ala	4
Cusseta	Chambers	W E Lloyd, Auburn, Ala	A F Stanley, Cusseta, Ala	2
County Line	Chambers	C J Burden, Dudley'lle, Ala	W G Jarrell, LaFayette, Ala	2
Camp Hill	Tallapoosa	T B Pruit, Camp Hill, Ala	J H Mayne, Camp Hill, Ala	3
Dadeville	Tallapoosa	C S Johnson, Salem, Ala	W C McIntosh, Dadeville	2-4
Eagle Creek	Tallapoosa	J C Motley, Daviston, Ala	W W Clarke, Tohopeka, Ala	2
Farmville	Lee	E F Baber, Natasulga, Ala	J J Bedell, Auburn, Ala	2
Fellowship	Tallapoosa	C J Burden, Dudley'lle, Ala	J M Boon, Buttston, Ala	3
Hickory Flat	Chambers	M J Sorrells, Stroud, Ala	O D Worthy, Hickory Flat	3
Lystra	Chambers	John Cumbee, Stroud, Ala	W H Bachus, Five Points	2
Liberty	Randolph	C J Burden, Dudley'lle, Ala	J D Orr, Louina, Ala	1
Lebanon	Tallapoosa	J A McCarley, LaFayette	Z F East, Dudley'lle, Ala	4
LaFayette	Chambers	W C Bledsoe, LaFayette	Geo. E Burnette, LaFayette	2-4
Milltown	Chambers	J P Hunter, LaFayette, Ala	J W Smith, Milltown, Ala	2
Mt Zion	Chambers	D S Duffee, Denver, Ala	A D Matheney, Denver	1
Mt Pleasant	Chambers	C S Johnson, Salem, Ala	R H Bledsoe, Camp Hill	1
New Hope	Chambers	J P Hunter LaFayette, Ala	W F Fuller, Fredonia Ala	4
Providence	Chambers	W C Bledsoe, LaFayett, Ala	J B Askew, West Point, Ga	1
Pleasant Ridge	Tallapoosa	W A Robertson, Dadeville	W C Roeck, Dadeville, Ala	3
Roanoke	Randolph	John P Shaffer, Roanoke	H M Mickle, Roanoke, Ala	3
Rock Spring	Chambers	W C Bledsoe, LaFayette	J C Webb, LaFayette, Ala	3
Rock Spring	Tallapoosa	D S Duffee, Denver, Ala	J W Boon, Jackson's Gap	3
Shiloh	Chambers	M J Sorrells, Stroud, Ala	J R Carroll, Milltown, Ala	4
Sandy Creek	Tallapoosa	C J Burden, Dudley'lle, Ala	John Sykes, Camp Hill, Ala	4
Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa	J W D Upshaw, Eclectic	J M Berry, Jackson's Gap	4

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Brazill, N. G.. .....Sandy Creek, Ala.
Berry, J. M..... .....Jackson's Gap, Ala.
Cook, C..... .....Fredonia, Ala.
Denson, N. D..... .....LaFayette, Ala.
Dabbs, J. W..... Buttston, Ala.
Dawson, W. R..... .....Camp Hill, Ala.
Handley, F. M..... .....Louina, Ala.
Hill, Geo. W..... .....Roanoke, Ala.
Hood, T. J..... .....LaFayette, Ala.
Johnson, J. H.....Dadeville, Ala.
Roberts, G. C.....Beulah, Ala.
Rotton, J. M. .....Milltown, Ala.
Shealey, Geo W. .....Cusseta, Ala.
Shelton, J. A.....Auburn, Ala.
Shealey, C. A..... .....West Point, Ga.
Stallings, Joseph.....Dudleyville, Ala.
Talbot, I. T..... .....Dudleyville, Ala
Turner, Jno. H..... .....LaFayette, Ala.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Burden, C. J..... Dudleyville, Ala.
Bedell, W. H..... .....Waverly, Ala.
Bledsoe, W. C. .....LaFayette, Ala.
Cumbee, John.... .....Stroud, Ala.
Duffee, D. S... .....Denver, Ala.
Dawson, L. O..... Louisville, Ky.
Fargason, Thos. B..... Dadeville, Ala.
Hamner, J. W.....Five Points, Ala.
Hunter, J. P.....LaFayette, Ala.
Motley, J. C..... .....Daviston, Ala.
McCarley, J. A.....LaFayette, Ala.
Moon, D. S.... .....Milltown, Ala.
Pruett..... .....Camp Hill, Ala.
Shaffer, Jno. P.....Roanoke, Ala.
Smith, A. S.....Milltown, Ala.
Sorrell, M. J.....Stroud, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Bell, Geo. L.. .....Dadeville, Ala.
Gibson, L .....Louina, Ala.
Robinson, J. T.....Waverly, Ala.
Stroud, L. B..... Sturdevant, Ala.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION OF 1889.

On State Missions—Elder Arnold S. Smith, chairman; W. M. Bass, A. J. Ward, J. B. Barrow, B. R. Simpson.

On Home Missions—Elder J. W. Hamner, chairman; C. Cook, David Patterson, J. A. Holder, W P. Mathews.

On Foreign Missions—Elder W. C. Bledsoe, chairman; Graves Shaffer, F. M. Handley, Jas. D. Norman, L. Cunningham.

On Sunday Schools—Geo. L. Bell, chairman, J. T. Hood, Jno. H. Turner, Jno. P. Seroyer, J. M. Berry.

On Bible and Colportage Work—Elder Jos. A. McCarley, chairman; W. H. Payne, Jno. T. Fargason, W. C. Roeck, J. W. Dabbs.

On Temperance—Elder T. B. Fargason, chairman; J. W. Boon, J. B. Robinson, N. A. Purcell, R. N. Bottsford.

On Education—Leonidas Jones, chairman; W. G. Jarrell, C. A. Shealey, R. G. Rowland, T. J. Gann.
On State of Religion Elder M. J. Sorrells, chairman; P. H. McGinty, W. Reynolds, W. H. Rachus, T. J. Gilliland.
On Religious Literature—Nimrod D. Denson, chairman; T. J. Jones, W. E. Shealey, W. N. Harris, W. Webb.
On Deceased Ministers—Geo. W. Hill, Chairman; T. J. Gilliland, J. D. Grady, J. S. Clifton, H. Jarrell.

NOTES FROM CHURCH LETTERS.

The following churches report prayer meetings: Antioch, Bethel, (Chambers,) Bethel, (Lee,) Beulah, Cusseta, County Line, Dadeville, Fellowship, Hickory Flat, Liberty, Lebanon, LaFayette, Mt. Zion, Milltown, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Ridge, Roanoke, Rock Spring, Rock Spring, (Tallapoosa,) Sandy Creek, Tallapoosa.—Total 21.

The following Sunday-schools contributed to missions during the year, as follows:

Antioch	$ 6 00	LaFayette	111 00
Beulah	7 68	Milltown	5 00
Cusseta	18 35	Roanoke	43 00
County Line	43 18	Rock Spring	2 00
Dadeville	50 00		
Fellowship	1 95		$290 81
Lebanon	2 65		

Roanoke and County Line are the only churches reporting Ladies' Missionary Societies. The Roanoke society contributed during the year to missions, $19.80. The County Line society contributed during the year to missions, $40. Total from L. M. S's., $59.80.

The church at Camp Hill reports that they have greatly improved their house.

The Bethel (Lee) church reported in her letter a membership of 71. Of this number the letter classes seven as active members, fifty-six as "inactive, does nothing," and nine as old and infirm not able to attend church.

The letters sent up to the Association were generally neatly written and properly filled out. The secretary begs that the clerks of the churches will destroy all blank letters now on hand, as he proposes to furnish for next Association a more perfect form.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. D. Bulger, Chairman; Jno. P. Shaffer, J. H. Johnson, W. H. Payne, R. T. Parker, W. C. McIntosh, Jas. Johnson.

MISSIONARY AND COLPORTER.

Eld. Thos. B. Fargason, Dadeville, Ala.

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Stockton, Calif.